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1. Effective 1 May 1953, the Generaldirektion Schifffahrt (Directorate General, Shipping) was transformed into the Staatssekretariat fuer Schifffahrt (State Secretariat of Shipping). Ernst Wollweber was appointed state secretary. Hess (fnu) was made his first deputy and simultaneously head of the state budget section, Karl Salomon, formerly manager of the VEB Deutscher Schifffahrts- und Umschlagsbetrieb (German Shipping and Transshipment Center) (DSU), was named second deputy and Walter Keul, formerly general manager of the Directorate General, Shipping, was made third deputy. Honnecker (fnu), nephew to the FDJ leader in East Germany became personal adviser to State Secretary Wollweber.¹
2. Since 1 May 1953, the State Secretariat of Shipping consisted of three main administrations, one for state budget and investments, headed by Hess, one for inland fleet and ports headed by Salomon and one for waterways headed by Keul. They included the following sections:

Designation

Section Chief

Personnel section
Planning section
State budget section
Commercial section
Standards section
General administration section
Inland fleet operation and inland ports section
Material supply section
Inland and maritime waterways section
Shipyard section
Inland and sea ports section

Toelle (fnu)
Krause (fnu)
Hess (fnu)
Hildt (fnu)
Koenig (fnu)
Rietzke (fnu)
Gramsch (fnu)
Feuerabend (fnu)
Omann (fnu)
Duerrast (fnu)
Senger (fnu).

3. The planning section, inland fleet operation and inland ports section, as well as the inland and maritime waterways section, were declared priority sections at the State Secretariat of Shipping. The VEB Deutsche Oderschifffahrt (German Shipping on the Oder River nationalized plant) (DOS) was dissolved and turned over to the VEB Deutscher Schifffahrts- und Umschlagsbetrieb (German Shipping and Transshipment Center) and was subdivided into three shipping directorates with headquarters in Berlin, Magdeburg and Stralsund.

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4. Wollweber, the new state secretary, was portrayed as an extremely efficient man of accommodating manners and great personal tact, who was broad-minded and noncommittal.

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As he had two sedans at his disposal, it was impossible to know which car he would use and where he was driving. He was permanently accompanied by a one-time physical training instructor and was frequently absent for a period of several days, with nobody at the State Secretariat of Shipping knowing of his whereabouts.

25X1A 1. ~~Comment.~~ The Directorate General, Shipping, was transformed into a state secretariat by a decree issued by the cabinet council on 8 April 1953. See

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